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mission

The mission of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation is to acquire and distribute resources that support various Lakeshore Public School programs and projects aimed at enhancing, enriching, or supplementing learning opportunities for students, staff, and community.

"Scramble for Students" Raises $24,500

11th Annual Outing attracts 124 players at Harbor Shores Golf Club

LEF's largest ever golf outing took place at a new venue, Harbor Shores Golf Club. LEF thanks Harbor Shore's staff for hosting the event this year. The course was beautiful on a sun-filled day in Southwest Michigan.

The funds raised will go into the general project fund for student and teacher grants.

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A special THANK YOU to our great sponsors who donated items for the Tee Bags.

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- United Federal Credit Union – golf balls and golf towels
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- MichianaGolf.com – golf discount cards
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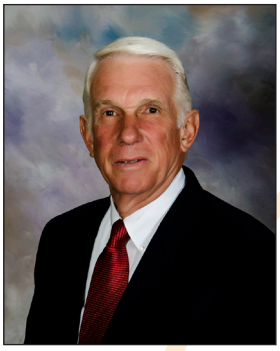
Chairman's Commentary

Vision, Alignment, Execution in 2013



J.C. Anderson
LEF President

Since assuming the Chairmanship of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation in September, there have been a number of priorities for the LEF board.

Primary Areas of Focus

- Full Board--we grew from 14 board members to a full board of 20 members by January. We focused our new member recruitment to the marketing area where we felt we needed more emphasis.
- Alignment--with one-third of the Board new (myself included), we held a 5-hour, full board session to develop a common understanding and alignment around the LEF.

Strategy with Vision

We developed five visionary statements to guide our tactical and strategic efforts:

1. Annual net "contribution" to the Lakeshore Public School system of $350,000. This compares to the current approximate $215,000.
2. Development of exciting and impactful programs/projects for students and teachers.
3. Fully engaged Board members serving on one of three key committees-- Projects, Marketing, or Fund Development.
4. Development of a great reputation with students, alumni, teachers, and community to grow financial support for the advancement of the school system.
5. The reputation and success of the LEF organization is a drawing factor for future leaders in LEF.

Action to Fill the Gaps

We discussed the gaps that exist to each of the statements but also what actions we must take to bring these five statements to reality.

- Fund Raising Campaign--to start our efforts toward the net $350,000 annual contribution target, we initiated a fund raising campaign in February.
- Brochure and case study explaining the LEF's mission, projects, areas of investment and funding.
- Multi-year commitments (3 years) versus annual support requests.
- Letters/brochures to approximately 70 businesses, face to face meetings with approximately 50 businesses and 50 major donors.
- The campaign will continue into the Fall.

2012 Financial Report:

RECEIPTS

Fundraising	$ 12,036
Donations	230,120
Investment Income	6,861
Endowment Contributions	8,715
Total Receipts	$257,732

DISBURSEMENTS

Technology	$ 56,641
Project Grants	191,992
Innovation Grants	4,625
Administrative Expense	26,993
Total Disbursements	$280,251

On behalf of the LEF board, we thank the LEF community for your continued support. Please call and/or e-mail with your comments and suggestions. 269.428.7476, 269.921.2513, or anderjcna@gmail.com

Sincerely,
J.C. Anderson

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Innovation Grants

Eleven (11) grants totaling $18,003.29 were awarded in the spring of 2013 to Lakeshore teachers representing every building in the district.

Phil and Cindy Huff

Lakeshore Middle School

To purchase a Yamaha Hd-200 Harmony Director, a teaching tool that will be used in all of their instrumental music classes, grades 5 – 8. The Yamaha uses harmony training, rhythm training and a sense of timing, (as well as a metronome) in one electronic keyboard to help them teach intonation and ensemble timing to high levels more quickly.

Sandra Blough

Lakeshore Middle School

To purchase new updated videos and other bullying prevention materials to assist the counselors and teachers in creating and teaching curriculum for all students grade 6 – 8 to prevent bullying and mean behavior.

Susan Baker

Lakeshore High School

To purchase audio amplification systems for two high school classrooms so that students in any part of the classroom can hear the language without distortion. One high school classroom has the system. The teacher's goal is to enhance the world language curriculum in interpretive communications and acquisition of information through the target language. Listening is a precursor to speaking.

Christine Sloan

Lakeshore High School

A partial grant was offered to purchase materials and to assist Christine and other teachers and students in cleaning and organizing the props and costumes in the high school auditorium.

Tonya Jahnke

Lakeshore High School

To purchase RealCare Babies and accessories for Parenting classes at the high school. By completing a required four day/night simulation, students experience the challenges of parenting…the difficulties of being a teen parent. Each very realistic "robot baby" records the care and/or lack of care including feeding, burping, diaper changing, rocking, rough handling, head support, temperature exposure, etc.

Lori Doggett

LEF Vice Chairman, Projects/Advisor to LEF's AAC

To assist the LEF Assets Advisory Committee (AAC), a group of 9 – 12 grades at Lakeshore High School, in bringing in a motivational speaker to the high school (and potentially the middle school); this has been their goal for two years. They have researched speakers and narrowed their search to two speakers.

Kari Butcher

Hollywood Elementary

To purchase age appropriate games for students to check out and take home. After hosting a very successful "Family Math Night" at the school, they realized that encouraging such family interaction at home would be beneficial to both students and parents. They will create a check-out system and monitor family participation.

Nicole McGrath

Roosevelt Elementary

To purchase food, paper goods, and other items for four (4) family events, which the Roosevelt Elementary School Community Connections Committee has planned for their economically disadvantaged students and families. The goal of these events is to address the areas in which they are most at risk in fun, non-threatening ways; to provide academic activities or games and nourishing meals modeling healthy choices. Moving these events from the school to the families' mobile home community will be less stressful for the parents and will encourage them to become more involved with their child's school.

Christy Huisjen

Roosevelt Elementary

To purchase leveled books, activities, book pouches, incentive charts and awards for her Read Every Day (RED) program, which will encourage and motivate students and parents to read together.

Cassie King

Roosevelt Elementary

To purchase a Leveled Classroom Library for her reading centers as well as a 16 set Single Student Read-Along library to enhance her current classroom reading program. This includes a Leveled Library Storage Cart, 16 book bins with leveled letter stickers, 5 fiction and 5 non-fiction texts to choose from at 16 different reading levels, and a real along kit designed for individual cd player use to which her students would listen and follow along.

Melissa Rescoe

Stewart Elementary

To purchase hands-on manipulative language arts materials that will help Stewart's K-2 meet individual student's beginning reading needs. The grant includes a drawer organization system to help teachers plan for differentiated learning, as well as small lap white boards, magnetic letters and word builders, alphabet beads, clear pocket "dice" and alphabet stamps.

Staff Professional Development Grants

This is a new grant which was well received and appreciated by Lakeshore teachers. Nine (9) grants totaling $3081 were awarded this spring.

Jennifer Engleman

Lakeshore Middle School

To attend the 59th Annual International Reading Association's Annual Conference in New Orleans in May 2014.

Laura Veldman

Lakeshore Middle School

To attend "Finding the Rhythm for Differentiated Instruction" provided by Berrien RESA this summer.

Kim Landeck

Lakeshore High School

To attend the 64th Annual Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference in Traverse City this summer.

Jane Emery

Hollywood Elementary

To attend the "Kindergarten is Reaching Higher!" conference in July.

Katie Woodward

Lakeshore High School

To attend the "Meaningful Student Motivation" conference in Grand Rapids in May.

Cami Ashley

Hollywood Elementary

To attend the "Kindergarten is Reaching Higher!" conference in July.

Melissa Rescoe

Stewart Elementary

To attend the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference in New Orleans in April 2014. Melissa has also submitted a proposal to be a presenter!

Nancy Hourigan

Stewart & Roosevelt Elementaries

To attend the 4th International Conference on Music Learning Theory in Oak Park, IL in August.

Alaina Kinney

Lakeshore High School

To visit sites pertinent to her LHS English classes' literature studies while teaching in Hungary as a participant in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange for the 2013 – 2014 school year.

Technology Grant Update

The LEF Reach Higher Technology Campaign wrapped up last July with a total of $143,000 donated.

The final phases of equipment installation was completed this spring. LEF would like to give special thanks to Lakeshore's IT for all their hard work of getting this big job done for our students and staff.

2013 Grants and Gifts

J.C. Anderson receives a donation from Brenda Wright of Fairmount Minerals for the Technology Fund Drive.

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Foundation Project Grants Spring 2013

The Art of Science
Perry Heppler

Hollywood Elementary

Students impacted – all 2nd graders in Lakeshore Public Schools (LPS)

Wendy Halperin a local artist from South Haven who specializes in botanical drawings will be instructing the 2nd grade teachers how to teach their students about botany as they are drawing specific plants and parts of the plants. Each elementary school has or will have their own garden for inspiration.

Battle of the Books
Jennifer Engleman & Angie Johnson

Lakeshore Middle School

All 7th graders in LPS impacted

The purpose of the Battle of the Books program is to encourage reading. Students, regardless of ability, are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints. The game format creates interest and excitement in reading. Through the fun and excitement of the competition, students improve reading skills, mature in their choices of reading materials, and acquire a broader knowledge base.

Math Shapes
Melissa Rescoe

Stewart Elementary

All students K-5 and CI students at Stewart Elementary School (442 students)

Each student will benefit positively from having more hands-on opportunities to master key geometric concepts. These hands-on manipulatives will provide inspiration for the students, motivation for them to learn, and opportunities for them to become mathematical problem solvers and to communicate mathematically.

FIRST Robotics Lego League
Melissa Rescoe & Leif Werner

Any LPS student grade 2-8 wishing to participate in this after-school activity

FIRST emphasizes mentoring to build science, engineering, and technology skills that inspire innovation and foster self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

Technology Training Workshops, Julie Powell

Any LPS teacher wanting to learn more about how they can better use technology in their classroom.

Provide technology-based workshops and training for Lakeshore staff who desire to spend some of their own time learning technology skills related to being more effective teachers in the classroom.

Berrien County Dancers
Theresa Graziano

Lakeshore High School

Berrien County Dancers and any community member wanting to attend classes or the performance.

A residency with Giordano Dance Chicago (GDC). GDC just celebrated its 50th Anniversary. They are a huge name in the dance world. This residency will provide professional dance exposure and experience to the BCD students and the community. Throughout the one week residency, three different Community Master Classes will be held and offered to all dancers in our surrounding area and will also be open for public viewing. Giordano Dance Chicago will culminate this experience with a performance open to the public. Berrien County Dancers will open the show.

Stepping Stones
Spring 2013

The Stepping Stones Grant provides financial assistance to Lakeshore students who pursue their interests, whether it is music, academics, language skills, athletics, and much more.

Stepping Stones has approved assistance for programs such as Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Chinese language classes, Nike Golf Camp, Children's Music Workshop, and many more!

Grades and family economics are not a factor in application approval. This LEF funded program is open to ALL Lakeshore students, from kindergarteners to high school seniors.

Applications are accepted for approval in April and November each year.

The next Stepping Stones deadline is November 1, 2013, please visit lefonline.org for more information and to print the application form.

Contact Tom Mikel 269-429-5500 tom@tommikel.com

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Stepping Stones Grant Recipients

Myiah Kapp
Roosevelt 3rd Grader

Megan Montgomery (8th grade) and Renee Veldman (7th grade). Caitlin Shepard (6th grade) not pictured.

Natalie Brunner (9th grade), Taylor Dale (11th grade), and Kathleen Risk (11th grade). Back Row Austin Latack (11th grade), Colby Clark (11th grade), and David Tarnowski (11th grade). Not pictured: Hayley Carter (10th grade), Katelyn Tillstrom (11th grade), and Caleb Vanderweide (11th grade).

New LEF Board Members

Kate Beckrow

Kate Beckrow grew up in Berrien Springs and graduated from Andrews Academy. She received her bachelors and masters degrees from Michigan State University (MSU). Kate served as the project coordinator for a breast cancer study at MSU for several years, followed by many wonderful years as a stay-at-home mom. She currently serves as Executive Director of Lighthouse Oncology. She and her husband, Jason, relocated to Stevensville in 2009 to be closer to Kate's family. They have been thrilled with Lakeshore Schools and their two children will graduate in the classes of 2019 and 2022. In her spare time, Kate enjoys being involved in the kids' many activities and giving back to the community through her involvement with local organizations.

Kim Thompson

Kim Thompson grew up in Northeast Indiana and graduated with a MBA and Bachelor degrees from the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. Kim joined Whirlpool Corporation in 2004 in Clyde, Ohio and relocated to St Joseph in 2006. Kim is currently the Senior Director of Strategic Communications for Whirlpool Corporation accountable for the corporation's global communications, traditional and emerging media, public relations, corporate reputation and brand, community relations and interactive media. Kim joins the board as the Vice Chair of the Marketing Committee. Kim and her husband, Quentin, have three children in the Lakeshore school system.

Craig Jennings

Craig Jennings graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1985 and received a Bachelors Degree from Western Michigan University in 1989. In 1992, Craig graduated from Valparaiso University School of Law. He has been a practicing attorney in our area since 1992. Craig has been a member of First Church of God for 24 years where he has served on various boards. Craig and his wife, Sue, have a daughter attending Hope College and two sons attending Lakeshore. Craig enjoys sports , spending time with family, the outdoors, participating in Bible studies, being involved with WyldLife & Young Life, and supporting his kids in all their sports and other activities. Craig looks forward to the opportunity to serve on the Board of LEF and fully supports the mission of LEF.

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